

## Message Text

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FM AMEMBASSY ATHENS  
TO SECSTATE WASHDC PRIORITY 4417  
INFO AMCONSUL FRANKFURT  
AMCONSUL KARACHI

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KARACHI FOR RCO; FRANKFURT FOR RSS

E.O. 11652: N/A  
TAGS: AMGT, AMTC, ASEC, AVCE  
SUBJECT: E&E VHF VOICE COMMUNICATIONS NET - ATHENS

REF: STATE 012330

1. OCMIS REPORTS DATED DECEMBER 31, 1977, AND JANUARY 31, 1978, CORRECTLY LIST AND UPDATE INVENTORY OF EMBASSY RADIO EQUIPMENT USED FOR E&E AND ADMIN NETS AS WELL AS HF EQUIPMENT. DECEMBER REPORT CORRECTS SERIAL NUMBERS OF CERTAIN ITEMS. JANUARY REPORT INCLUDES EQUIPMENT RECEIVED DURING PAST MONTH FROM DEPARTMENT AND OTHER EQUIPMENT SENT TO KARACHI FOR REPAIR. WE ARE STILL ATTEMPTING LOCATE TWO PR-36'S, SERIAL NOS. 4511454 AND 4511463. MT-76 SRL NO 1131033 NOT LOCATED AT POST.

2. PROPOSED ASSIGNMENT OF UNITS TO PERSONS AND VEHICLES.

A) MX360 TRANSCEIVER (43 UNITS):  
MARINE DESK (11). RESIDENCES: AMBASSADOR (2); DCM; ECON, POLITICAL, ADMIN, CONSULAR, PUBLIC AFFAIRS COUNSELORS; INFORMATION OFFICER; DEFENSE ATTACHE; CHIEF JUSMAGG; REGIONAL SECURITY OFFICER (5); TECHNICAL SECURITY OFFICER; NCOIC MSG; DUTY OFFICERS  
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(2); DUTY SECRETARY; DUTY COMMUNICATOR; REGIONAL MEDICAL OFFICERS  
(2); COMMUNICATIONS OFFICER. OFFICES: HELLENIC AMERICAN UNION; EXPLOSIVE ORDNANCE DISPOSAL DETACHMENT; AIR FORCE SECURITY POLICE. SPARES: 4.  
B) MICOR RADIOS (3 UNITS):  
AMBASSADOR'S CARS (2); DCM'S CAR.  
C) CONVERTA-COM RADIOS (6 UNITS):

RSO CARS (2); MSG VAN; C&R VAN; USIS VAN. SPARE: 1.

D) PAGEBOYS (30 UNITS): AMB; DCM; RSO (3); MARINE HOUSE (14);  
REGIONAL MEDICAL OFFICERS (2); DUTY OFFICERS (2); DUTY  
SECRETARY; DUTY COMMUNICATOR. SPARES: 5.

3. TOURIST MAP OF ATHENS AND SURROUNDING AREAS LOCATING RESIDENCES  
AND OFFICES FOR VARIOUS UNITS, AND TOPOGRAPHICAL MAPS OUTLINING  
TERRAINE ELEVATIONS BEING POUCHED DEPARTMENT.

4. MOTOROLA PROPOSAL PREPARED BY MOTOROLA EUROPEAN REP, KEN  
LONGACRE, CONSISTS OF HANDWRITTEN LISTS OF PRICES FOR LEASING,  
DIRECT PURCHASE, AND PERIODIC MAINTENANCE COSTS OF INDIVIDUAL  
UNITS. COPY OF ORIGINAL LISTS AND EMBASSY MEMO CORRELATING  
THESE LISTS INTO WORKING PAPERS ALSO BEING POUCHED TO DEPARTMENT.

5. EMBASSY DOES NOT HAVE OPTION OF PLACING REPEATER ANYWHERE ELSE  
BUT ON TOP OF MT. PARNIS. THIS LOCATION CAREFULLY SPELLED OUT IN  
FOREIGN OFFICE NOTE REPORTED IN ATHENS 0425.

6. POST RECORDS AGREE WITH DEPARTMENT RECORDS THAT LATEST RADIO  
SURVEY WAS PERFORMED BY CEO VAN DERHOFF ON 2/17/76.

7. FREQUENCIES 162.750 AND 163.175 MHZ WILL BE RESERVED FOR  
E&E USE. FREQUENCY 153.0 AND 153.5 MHZ WILL BE USED FOR ADMIN/  
MOTOR POOL NETWORK.

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8. OVERALL STATEMENT OF USE. THE E&E EQUIPMENT REQUESTED BY THIS  
POST WILL SERVE MANY IMPORTANT PURPOSES. IT WILL GIVE US A  
RELIABLE MEANS OF COMMUNICATIONS FOR E&E AND SECURITY USES THAT  
WILL BE DEVOID ALL ROUTINE ADMINISTRATIVE TRAFFIC. IN THIS REGARD,  
THE POST HAS ATTEMPTED TO MAKE USE OF A SINGLE NET FOR BOTH  
ADMINISTRATIVE AND E&E PURPOSES DURING THE PAST 18 MONTHS AND THE  
RESULTS HAVE BEEN UNSATISFACTORY. THE NEW E&E NET WILL PROVIDE A  
RAPID MEANS OF ALERTING SENIOR MISSION OFFICIALS, DUTY PERSONNEL,  
AND THE SECURITY STAFF TO A CRISIS SITUATION. THE M/1,60'S LOCATED  
AT THE MARINE DESK IN THE LOBBY WILL PROVIDE THE MARINES WITH  
DIRECT RADIO COMMUNICATIONS DURING ANY PERIODS WHEN THEY MUST MAN  
THEIR EMERGENCY INTERNAL DEFENSE POSTS. THE PAGERS WILL BE USED  
TO ENABLE MARINE AND DUTY PERSONNEL TO REMAIN IN CONTACT WITH THE  
EMBASSY DURING UNSETTLED POLITICAL SITUATIONS, WITHOUT REQUIRING  
THEM TO REMAIN AT THEIR QUARTERS. MUCH OF THIS EQUIPMENT WILL BE  
USED TO IMPROVE MISSION INTRA-CITY COMMUNICATIONS DURING VISITS BY  
SENIOR U.S. GOVERNMENT PERSONNEL. THIS NEED WAS EMPHASIZED DURING  
THE VISIT BY SECRETARY VANCE IN JANUARY. RADIO LINKS WITH THE  
U.S. MILITARY PERSONNEL (SECURITY POLICE AND EXPLOSIVE ORDNANCE  
DISPOSAL DETACHMENT) AT HELLENIKON AIR BASE WILL PROVIDE THE  
RELIABLE COMMUNICATIONS THAT WERE FOUND LACKING IN THE PAST.  
FINALLY, IN CASE OF EVACUATION, THE PRESENT RADIO EQUIPMENT WOULD

BE INSUFFICIENT FOR ALERTING PURPOSES AND/OR CONVOY CONTROL. THE EQUIPMENT REQUESTED IN ATHENS 0177 WILL CORRECT THE DEFICIENCIES IN OUR PRESENT E&E VOICE COMMUNICATIONS SYSTEM.

9. WE WISH TO REITERATE TWO POINTS MADE IN ATHENS 0177. FIRST, THE PRESENT EQUIPMENT, WITHOUT SELCAL, IS KEPT TURNED OFF AT MOST RESIDENCES DUE TO THE CONSTANT CHATTER ON THE NET. THIS PROBLEM WILL PERSIST UNLESS WE INSTALL NEW EQUIPMENT INCORPORATING THE SELCAL FEATURE. SECOND, THE MAINTENANCE THAT MOTOROLA CAN PROVIDE LOCALLY WILL GIVE THE POST QUICKER RESPONSE TO MAINTENANCE PROBLEMS THAN IS NOW AVAILABLE THROUGH RCO FACILITIES.

10. FOR THE REASONS OUTLINED IN THIS AND EARLIER TELEGRAMS, EMBASSY ATHENS HOPES THAT THE DEPARTMENT WILL BE IN A POSITION LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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TO PROVIDE US WITH THE EQUIPMENT WE URGENTLY REQUIRE.  
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